

**REMARKS**

Initially, in the Office Action dated May 12, 2004, the Examiner rejects claims 1-71 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by WO 00/51293 (Hall et al.).

By the present response, Applicant has submitted new claims 72 and 73 for consideration by the Examiner and submits that these claims do not contain any prohibited new matter. Further, Applicant has canceled claims 4, 15, 17, 50 and 60-71 without disclaimer. Applicant has amended claims 1, 14, 16, 19, 21, 29, 39, 48, 49 and 51-59 to further clarify the invention. Claims 1-3, 5-14, 16, 18-49, 51-59, 72 and 73 remain pending in the present application.

**35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections**

Claims 1-71 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hall et al. Applicant has cancelled claims 4, 15, 17, 50 and 60-71. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections as to the remaining pending claims.

Hall et al. discloses the establishment of a wireless connection between two communication devices. Registration/authorization data must be exchanged between the devices before the devices can be connected to each other. The information exchange is initiated by bringing the devices in such physical proximity to each other that a signal transmitted from at least one of the devices is received by the other devices at a power level that exceeds a threshold level. The threshold level is chosen to a value being significantly higher than a minimally required power

level for signal detection in order to make sure that the devices are located very close to each other and thus enable an unambiguous association between them.

Regarding claims 1, 14, 16, 72 and 73, Applicant submits that Hall et al. does not disclose or suggest the limitations in the combination of each of these claims of, inter alia, distribution execution of tasks by means of a personal digital mobile device in a low power radio network where the task is generated in a PDMD by transferring the task from a first device in the local range of the LPRN to the PDMD via the LPRN, or where the tasks are generated in the personal digital mobile device by receiving the task transferred from a first device in the local range of the low power radio network to the personal digital mobile device via the low power radio network, or where the task is generated in the PDMD after receiving a second task by the PDMD transferred from a first device in the local range of the LPRN via a network different than the LPRN, or where the second task is transferred by the PDMD and executed by the device automatically. The Examiner seems to assert that these limitations in the claims of the present application are disclosed in Hall et al. at page 8, lines 1-11. However, these portions of Hall et al. merely disclose that the device transfers a message to a printer for printing this message received from another device "via a cable or a wire line or alternatively via a storage medium, such as a diskette, a CD or DVD". Further, according to Hall et al. Fig. 1, the message to be printed may also be received by a cellular phone via a cellular telephone network. This is not distribution execution of task where the task is generated in the PDMD by transferring the task from a first device in the local range of the LPRN to the PDMD

via the LPRN, as recited in the claims of the present application. According to the present invention, the task is transferred from a first device in the local range of the LPRN to the PDMD via the same LPRN. In contrast, Hall et al. discloses a message being received from a device in a first network, i.e. a cellular network, to another device that transfers the message to a printer where the second device and printer are on a network different than the first network (i.e. cellular). Moreover, Hall et al. does not disclose or suggest where a second task is transferred by the PDMD and executed by the device automatically.

Regarding claims 2, 3, 5-13, 18-49 and 51-59, Applicant submits that these claims are dependent on one of independent claims 1 and 14 and, therefore, are patentable at least for the same reasons noted regarding these independent claims. For example, Applicant submits that Hall et al. does not disclose or suggest where the determining step includes an authentication operation between the PDMD and the device able to execute the task, or where at least part of the transfers between the PDMD and the device able to execute the task are encrypted.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that Hall et al. does not disclose or suggest the limitations in the combination of each of claims 1-3, 5-14, 16, 18-49, 51-59, 72 and 73 of the present application. Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 1-3, 5-14, 16, 18-49, 51-59, 72 and 73 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

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To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing attorney docket no. 1123.40679X00).

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